Global Tender for Dredging Operation in India

1333. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Global tender is permitted for dredging in Indian ports; and

(b) if so, whether the bidders are allowed to use their own dredgers for dredging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) yes, Sir.

Dredging Operation at Kandla Port

1334. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kandla Port Trust has formulated a plan or project for dredging the silt;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether the National Ship Design Research Centre has been asked to design the dredger for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the present position and the total time revised to build-up the dredger and to hand over the same to the Kandla Port Trust?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes Sir. Kandla Port Trust (KPT) had formulated a plan to acquire a new dredger in replacement of an old one for carrying out maintenance dredging.

(b) The estimated cost of acquisition was about Rs. 151 crores (based on March 1998 price level).

(c) National Ship Design Research Centre (NSDRC) was assigned the task of preparation of feasibility report, covering the preliminary design with outline specification for the proposed dredger.

(d) The proposal for acquisition of the dredger has not been